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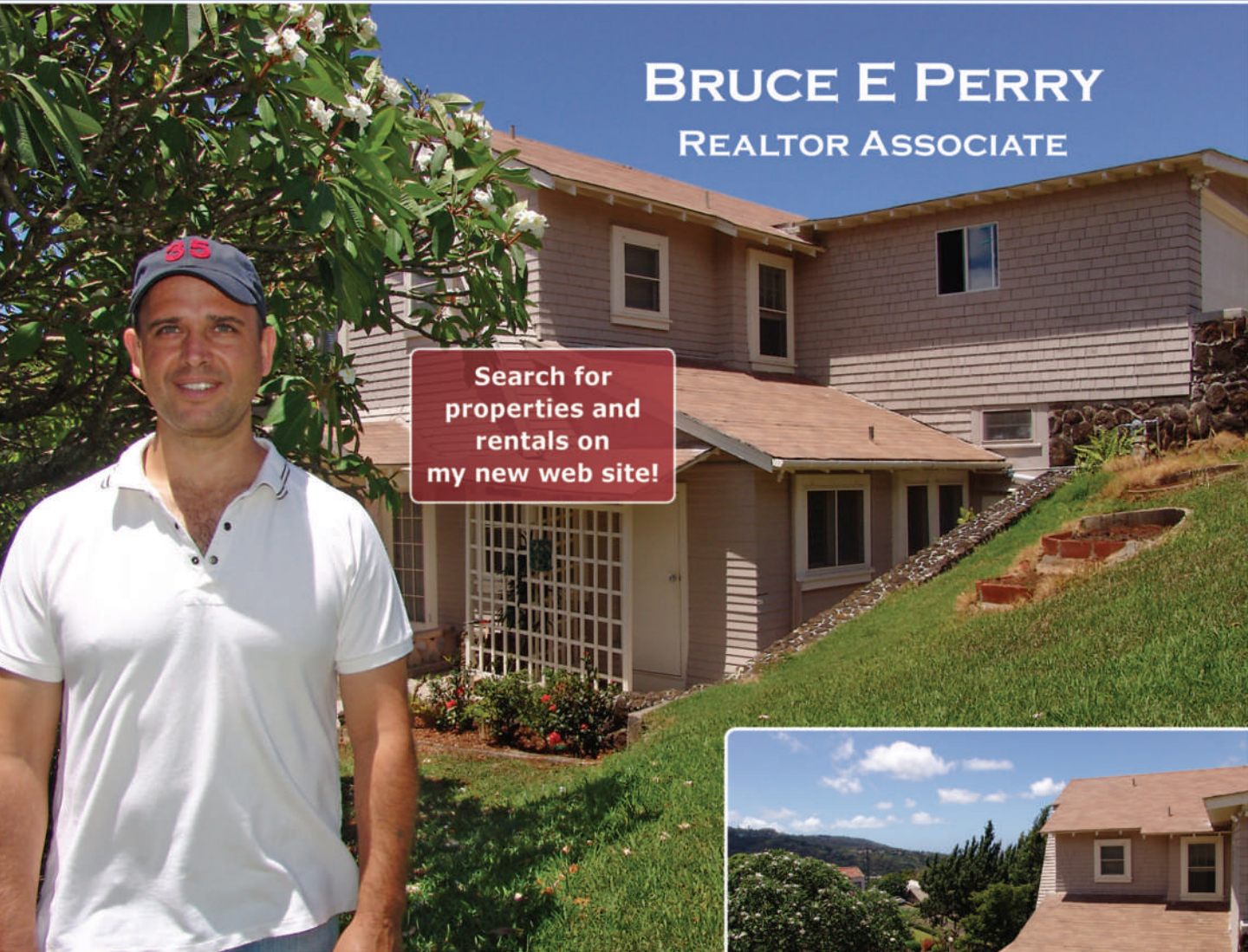
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PUBLISHER'S MESSAGE

Seven years ago, our community was locked in a bitter struggle with the anti-aloha forces of homophobia over our right to marry the person we love. Our community was in desperate need of a strong local voice. And so, DaKine magazine was born.

Today, seven long years later, DaKine has grown and prospered until it is now the largest, most colorful, most content-rich, most respected gay magazine in Hawai'i.

Because DaKine is a work in progress that constantly changes, the creative challenges have been extraordinary, but, thanks to a superb cast of talented people, not insurmountable.

I would like to take the opportunity on this seventh anniversary to acknowledge and thank all those who have contributed so much to making this magazine such a tremendous success: Our writers, editors, photographers, illustrators, artists, salespeople, distributors, bookkeepers and, of course, our readers.

The most credit, however, goes to our many generous advertisers, who not only understand the value of a content-oriented publication for our community but also support it wholeheartedly with their advertising dollars. I hope that even as you are supporting them in turn, you will find the time to say *mahalo* for the support that provides our community with this free magazine.

As we begin our eighth year and continue to mature as a publication, we are already working on the next big change that will make DaKine even more attractive and useful to our thousands of loyal readers.

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SPEAKING MY MIND

Tis the season of Goodwill and Brotherhood. It is for that reason—and that reason only—that I will, in this month's column, be laying off both George Bush and his murderous cronies, who are, even now sully the air and linens in our nation's House.

Instead, this is the time for celebrating those we hold dear: friends, partners, families—whether blood, hanai, calabash or simply extended. It is not a time for dwelling on the extraordinary lies created by George Bush as justification for attacking Iraq. And it's certainly not a time to mention George's attempts to switch the blame for the morass in Iraq to the Democrats by claiming that the war is actually *their* fault for believing his lies and voting for it.

No, this is a time for parties, and the joyous sharing of good tidings between old friends. And it's a time for creating *new* friendships that will develop through the year to become a part of next year's holiday festivities. It's also a time to clear our minds of the astonishment we feel at members of the conservative far right evangelical Christian community who seem to spend more time obsessing over our sex lives than we do ourselves.

It's a time for engaging in the happy activity of exchanging gifts; delighting in the reactions of our friends and loved ones as they discover the carefully selected surprises buried deep within the colorful wrappings. It's even a time for feeling pity for those homophobic straight people whose marriages are so fragile that they'll collapse if a gay couple they don't even know gets hitched.

But to be fair, once the carols have been sung, the presents have been opened

and the eggs have been nugged, what this season is *really* about is gratitude. It is our chance to say thanks to those who have, even in small ways, made our lives better. We all have someone to whom we owe some gesture of appreciation who would be pleased to hear it.

For you it may be a fiercely loyal friend to whom you don't say thanks often enough. Or a neighbor who helped you carry that new sofa into your apartment last summer. Or even a coworker who quietly saves your butt week after week.

For me it is the friends who challenge my opinions and applaud my accomplishments; and, when it's necessary, help me pick up the pieces of the occasional shattered dream. And it's the many readers who honor me by taking a few precious moments out of their busy lives to consider something I've written, and then, hopefully, to take action based on my words. And, yes, it's even George Bush, without whose criminal bumbling I would probably be stuck writing a gardening column.

So here's my holiday plan for all of us: Get yourself a sprig of the Druid kissing plant—yes, that's mistletoe (and a clue in this month's crossword). Carry it with you everywhere. When you come upon someone who deserves to be thanked, pull it out and hold it over his or her head while you deliver a peck on the cheek. Or, if you can get away with it, the lips.

Forget, if only for these few days, the things that are wrong in the world; instead, celebrate those things that are right:

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—Andrew Thomas, Editor



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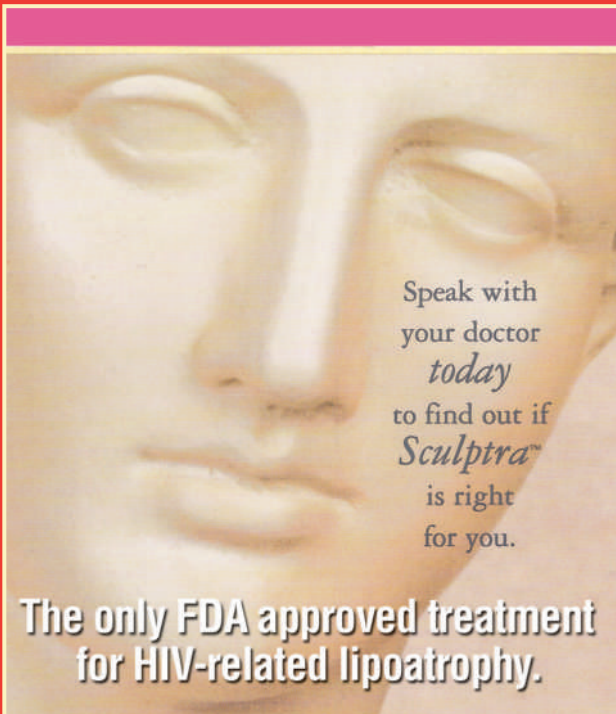
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News from The Center

The November Open House at the new home of The Center was a great success, with 150 guests raising nearly \$3,500. A spokesperson for The Center reports that this money, when combined with monies raised prior to the party, are sufficient to cover the security deposit and first month rent for the new space.

The Center is still looking for volunteers to help with the big move from the old site on Beretania to the new home on South Street. The date of the move has not yet been determined, but will likely be scheduled for late December. Helpers are desperately needed and should call 951.7000 to discuss availability.

Film Fest Seeks Entries

The 17th Annual Honolulu Rainbow Film Festival is inviting filmmakers to submit entries for consideration. The early postmark deadline is February 15, 2006. The entry fee is waived for all Hawai'i-based filmmakers.

Submissions should be addressed to: Honolulu Rainbow Film Festival-HGLCF, Attn: Programming Committee, 1877 Kalakaua Ave, Honolulu HI 96815. More info is available at www.hrff.org.

Super Fundraiser at Michelangelo

Andy Andresen's November Roast Chicken benefit at Michelangelo raised \$1,324 for Gregory House Programs. It will be used to provide a Thanksgiving dinner for each resident, as well as a well-trimmed Christmas

tree for their chicken plate benefit.

Because all costs for the event were covered by a donation from Na Makua, Inc, every penny raised will go to Gregory House. Organizers are negotiating with Wal-Mart to secure a further \$1,000 grant for the programs.

Imperial Court Sells Xmas Trees

The Imperial Court of All Hawai'i will again be selling Christmas trees through participating bars and clubs. All proceeds will benefit the Court's PWA Fund, which gives grants of up to \$150 each year to persons with AIDS. Representatives of the Court will be handling sales until the 18th.

The Court will also be sponsoring a Food & Toy drive to benefit the FoodBasket and children of the Waianae coast. The bar or other organization that collects the most food and toys will be honored at a celebration on the 18th at Fusion Waikiki. The party starts at 6pm.

The Court will also hold a Shoyu Chicken Dinner Benefit at the Rivertown Bar & Grill to help defray the cost of their 2005 Coronation. A \$10 donation includes dinner and a show.

Symphony Chorus Performs

The celebrated Honolulu Symphony Chorus, under the direction of Dr Karen Kennedy, will perform Beethoven's massive Ninth Symphony, the "Choral" Symphony, with the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra on December 29 at the Blaisdell Concert

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Hall. The concert begins at 7:30pm. The chorus will also perform works by Vaughn Williams and Handel.

This Beethoven's Ninth concert has become an annual event that is as eagerly anticipated as any cultural activity on O'ahu. The Chorus will also perform with the Honolulu Pops and the Brothers Cazimero in three Christmas concerts on December 9, 10 and 11, also at Blaisdell.

Auditions for the spring season, which includes performances of Mozart's *Requiem* as part of the International Choral Festival in Honolulu, are scheduled for January 23, 2006.

World AIDS Day Auction

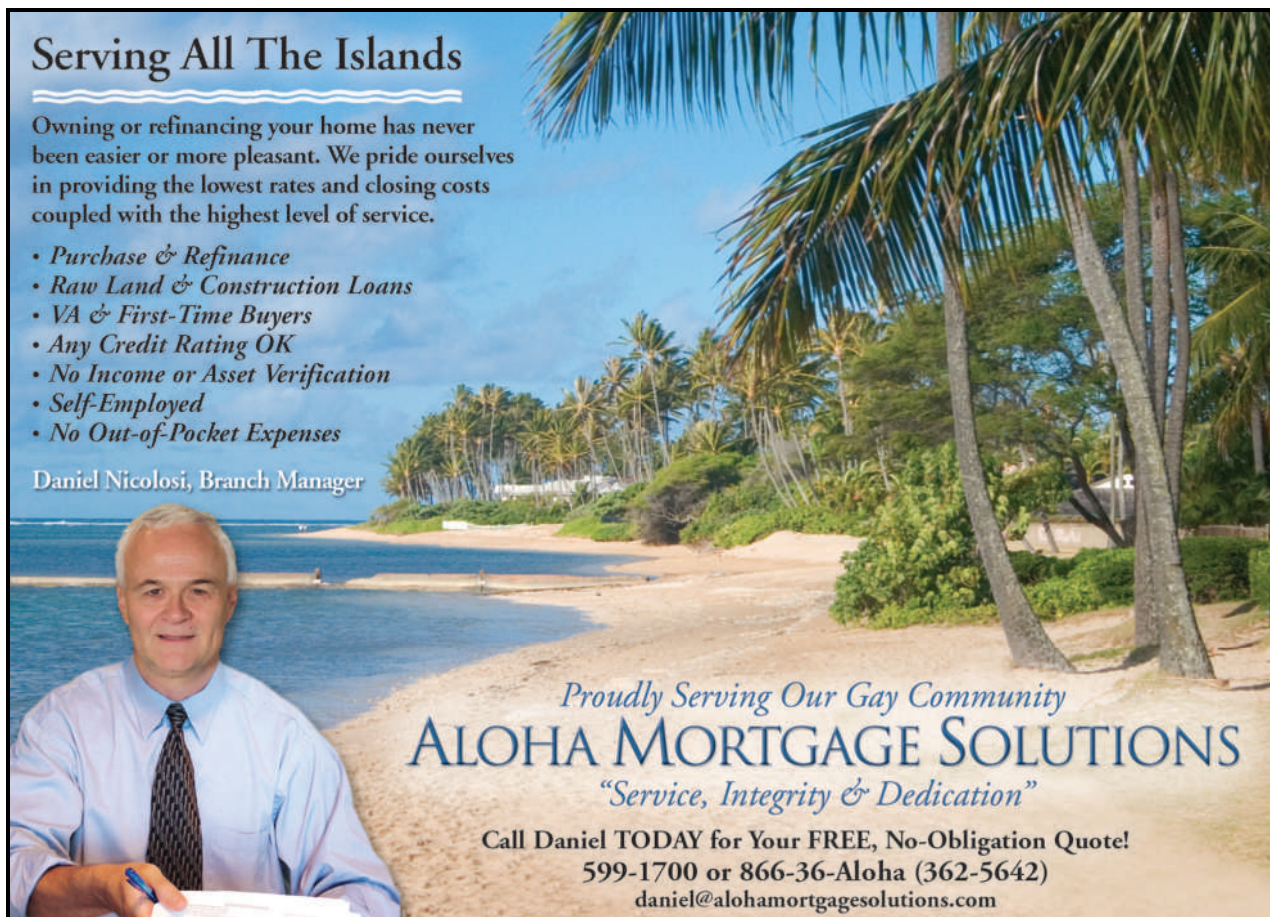
LIFEbeat-the Music Industry Fights AIDS, will be holding an eBay

auction as part of the national observance of World AIDS Day that will feature more than 1,000 items from celebrities from the worlds of music, theater, television and the movies. "Bid 2 Beat AIDS" will begin on December 1 and will run for 10 days.

On the auction block will be such collectibles as a hat from Elton John, autographed Joan and Melissa Rivers bobbleheads and a diamond watch donated by Lil' Kim. Memorabilia has also been contributed by Carol Channing, Melissa Etheridge and Orlando Bloom.

Two highlights of the auction are a 2006 Vespa LX-50 signed by Kanye West and several other stars, and the podium from this year's MTV awards autographed by Tom Cruise, plus current squeeze Katie Holmes and ex-squeeze Nicole

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Music

Coralie Clément

Bye Bye Beauté

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If you take a few minutes to learn about singer Coralie Clément, listening to her sophomore release, *Bye Bye Beauté*, sometimes feels like going into an inexplicably pleasant session of psychoanalysis. This breezy but dense disc just urges you to take those dusty books by Freud, Jung and Jacques Lacan (Clément is French) and listen a bit more closely.

Clément is the younger sister of brooding singer/songwriter Benjamin Biolay. With three solo albums already under his belt, Biolay has garnered praise as a post-moderne Serge Gainsbourg and has emerged as one of the leading solo artists of his generation. Biolay has also become a producer, enlisted by the likes of famed chanteuse Juliette Gréco, the yeh-yeh girl Françoise Hardy and bilingual singer Keren Ann. Clément's brother deserves so much attention here because he penned eight of the songs on *Bye Bye Beauté* and co-wrote two others, not to mention that he played many of the instruments, sang back-up and produced the album.

Meanwhile, younger sister Coralie composed one song with musician Daniel Lorca. With this in mind, *Bye Bye Beauté* at times takes on a peculiar feel, because it's truly a beautiful and intimate album. It appears to this reviewer as if Biolay is singing through his sister. The title track itself is a haunting, melancholic meditation on love and the inevitability of loss and change. Towards the song's end, over the drone of strumming guitars, Coralie softly sings, "It'll end like I said, in tears, in the rain / It will all end like I predicted, without a noise or a cry." And

there is older Benjamin, with his deep, gravely voice, singing the same line in the background.

I'm not certain if the term "musical incest" has been created yet, but *Bye Bye Beauté* certainly merits it. Its songs ask you, the listener, to draw near and pay close attention—regardless of whether you understand. Clément's vocal style never explodes fully but hovers somewhere between singing, whispering and recitation. Consequently, you come away with the feeling that Clément is sharing something intensely

personal. But, for the most part, what's being shared is her brother's—his songs, his lyrics, his ideas.

And though this album has more of a rock edge than Clément's jazzy debut, *Salle des Pas Perdus (Room of Lost Steps)*, the

arrangements always

have a sense of compression to them. Guitars, trumpets and drums never bring the house down. Instead, they're softer, muted, as if swathed in cashmere—just like Clément's voice.

The result of this suppression, if you can call it that, makes for a poignant beauty that evokes something that can't be entirely expressed with mere words. Of course, as Freud said, "sometimes, a cigar is just a cigar." And an album is just an album. Jazz singers gain their fame from covering decades-old standards, and opera divas can spend a lifetime embodying a composer's work. Clément is merely giving voice to her brother's expansive views, emotions and musicality.

Bye Bye Beauté is a great flirt of an album. For its brevity, it's seductive, enchanting and memorable, making you wish she'd stay around just for a bit longer. For Clément's next session, one can only hope she'll speak for herself.

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Marriage Watch

As expected, voters in Texas have overwhelmingly approved an amendment to the state Constitution that bans gay marriage, civil unions and anything that resembles marriage. A small group of legal authorities has challenged the language of the amendment, claiming that it is so poorly worded that it also invalidates opposite-sex marriage. Emboldened by their success in Texas, conservatives have announced that they will be pushing for similar amendments in 10 new states in 2006. Currently, 18 states have amended their Constitutions to outlaw same-sex marriage. Several of those also forbid civil unions.



In a case closely watched by both sides of the same-sex marriage debate, a judge in Oregon has ruled that the state's new constitutional ban on gay marriage does not violate the Constitution's ban on multiple questions in a single amendment. The group Basic Rights had claimed that the amendment affected many rights other than those of marriage and that they should have been presented in separate amendments. The amendment was passed by voters after a judge in Multnomah County began issuing marriage licenses to gay couples. The Governor has introduced legislation that would establish civil unions. It easily passed the Democrat-controlled Senate. However, the Republican-controlled House refused to allow the matter even to be debated. Gay activists have targeted anti-gay House Speaker Karen Minnis for defeat in the next election.



The Swedish Lutheran Church, the official church of that Scandinavian nation, has officially decided to create a liturgy for blessing same-sex unions. A couple will be required to sign a civil partnership agreement in order to receive the new blessing service. Sweden does not currently allow same-sex marriages, but has instead an official civil union registry. Couples who enroll are accorded many, but not all, of the rights of marriage granted to opposite-sex couples. The move has angered some in the church who believe it went too far, as well as some in the gay community who believe it did not go far enough. Meanwhile, the government has tightened a loophole in the civil unions law, making it now mandatory for all civil registrars to conduct partnership ceremonies. Any who refuse will be stripped of their license.



The new British civil partnership law goes into effect on the 5th of this month. Several new businesses have come into existence to handle the extraordinary number of ceremonies being planned. A major wedding insurance company has even opened a special division to handle policies to protect the couples in case something goes wrong with the event or the honeymoon. One of the first couples to enter a civil union will be Sir Elton John and longtime partner David Furnish. It is expected that more than 40,000 couples will tie the civil knot during 2006. The Church of England

has ruled that its gay priests may enter into civil unions but that they must remain celibate, throwing several priests into open revolt. The military has announced that gay couples in civil unions will receive the same recognition, benefits and accommodations as married servicepeople. The councils for some rural towns are refusing to allow civil unions ceremonies to be carried out in public spaces that are also regularly used for marriages, even though their own staff attorneys have advised them against the action.

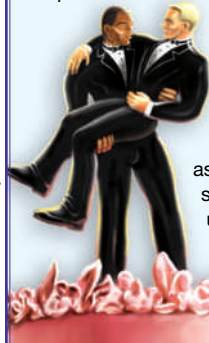


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Kidman. There are also a group of guitars signed by Wynonna Judd, Tim McGraw and others.

All monies will go to helping educate America's young people about HIV/AIDS prevention.

FMA is Born Again

The so-called Federal Marriage Amendment, an attempt by extreme conservatives to amend the US Constitution to ban same-sex marriage nationwide, has again been introduced in Congress, following the overwhelming defeat of the bill last year. A Senate subcommittee has approved the measure along party lines and sent it on to the Judiciary Committee for consideration. While conservatives hoped debate would begin immediately, it appears that it will be delayed.

Senator Arlen Specter, a Republican from Pennsylvania who is the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, has said many times that he opposes the amendment. However, he has also stressed that he believes the amendment deserves to be voted on by the entire Senate. Because Republicans hold a majority on the committee, it seems likely his intentions will be carried out sometime during the next two months.

A constitutional amendment must receive the aye votes of two-thirds of the Senate to be approved. If it receives the same approval in the House, it must then be approved by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the states before it can become a part of the Constitution.

NH Panel Says No to Marriage, Civil Unions

A panel established by New Hampshire's anti-

gay former governor Craig Benson to investigate whether the state should allow same-sex marriage or civil unions or ban both, has filed its final report, in which it says the state should amend its Constitution to ban both gay marriage and civil unions.

The committee, which was heavily conservative at its onset, voted directly along party lines, with the exception of the one gay panelist who voted against establishing civil unions because he was unwilling to accept anything less than marriage.

The Legislature is not bound by the panel's recommendations, but it is expected that conservatives will introduce legislation in the current session to amend the Constitution according to the panel's suggestions.

College Republican Sues Over Kiss-In


A recent gay "kiss-in" at the University of Nevada-Reno to protest the presence of military recruiters on campus has caused a leader of the school's Republican Club to file a suit claiming that the kissing intimidated those students who were trying to speak with recruiters. He charges that the demonstrators were also verbally abusive.

He has asked for a temporary restraining order against the Queer Student Union and two other groups, plus legal costs. The ACLU immediately filed a motion to dismiss the "frivolous" complaint.

Maine Voters Support Rights

An attempt by the so-called Christian Civic League of Maine to overturn the state's civil rights protections for the GLBT community was defeated

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“AIDS and Us”

BY REV. JONIPHER KWONG



December 1st of every year is observed as World AIDS Day. Most people are unaware that this commemoration began in 1986, when the pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of San Diego, Rev. David Farrell, decided that enough was enough. In his view, there was little or no awareness of the AIDS pandemic in his community and clearly not enough available resources for people who were affected by it. He decided to hold a vigil to call attention to the disease, an event that sparked a worldwide phenomenon that continues today, reminding us that the battle against AIDS is not over.

Many of us who were around during the 1980s and early 90s experienced the devastating effects of this deadly virus firsthand. The GLBT community lost countless leaders and other talented people during this dark period in our history. In many cases, those of us who have so far survived the AIDS holocaust are still suffering from burnout and intense grief. Many in our community are tired of talking about AIDS, yet it is still a reality which all of us have to face today. It is not only a problem that has *not* gone away, there has been a recent resurgence in new infections.

Consider these startling statistics (*from avert.org*):

- More than **20 million** people have died of AIDS since 1981. Africa has **12 million** AIDS orphans.
- By December 2004, women accounted for **47%** of all people living with HIV worldwide, and for **57%** in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Young people (15–24 years old) account for **half** of all new HIV infections worldwide—more than **6,000** become infected with HIV **every day**.
- Of the **6.5 million** people in developing and transitional countries who need life-saving AIDS drugs, fewer than **1 million** are receiving them.

Behind these statistics are people's lives. AIDS does not affect merely “those people;” it affects all of us. AIDS is an issue that people of faith need to continually address beyond pointing fingers and saying “naughty, naughty” to lifestyle choices with which we may not agree. The blame must end *now* in order for AIDS to also be ended. Religious and social institutions must assess and terminate the root cause and continued spread of AIDS, which is neither promiscuity nor homosexuality, but rather homophobia and sex-phobia.

The answer is not as simple as advocating abstinence-only lifestyles. Clearly, this methodology has not worked well in Africa or elsewhere. AIDS is an extremely complex issue. Education may not necessarily solve our problems either. Most young people today know how the HIV virus is transmitted; yet even in the gay community, we find barebacking (not using condoms during sex) again on the rise.

We need to take a look at our deeply held assumptions, our approaches, asking the difficult questions of why and how. How is low self-esteem and depression related to HIV transmission? Why are gay and bisexual men not using condoms, even though they know the risks involved? How does crystal meth use or alcohol addiction correlate with the spread of HIV/AIDS? Why are minority groups more at risk of infection than the general population?

There are no easy answers and no quick fixes for these problems. As people of faith and goodwill, however, our responsibility is to continue to educate, to destigmatize the disease and to make sure lifesaving drugs and medical treatments are accessible and available to all people. Most of all, our task is to show compassion to everyone affected by AIDS. This is the legacy our queer ancestors have left us and it is the gift we offer others as we commemorate World AIDS Day. ▼

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December 2005

1

Thursday, December 1

World AIDS Day

Student AIDS Poster
Art Display, 10am

– 5:30pm, Cathedral
Gallery, off Fort Street
Mall; AIDS Awareness
Red Ribbon and
health information
distribution, 11am

– 5pm at Fort Street
Mall; AIDS Memorial Quilt display,
2pm – 6pm, Cathedral of Our Lady
of Peace, Fort Street Mall; Official
WAD Ceremony and Candlelight
Vigil, 5:30pm, Cathedral of Our
Lady of Peace, "Simple Courage"
documentary and filmmaker
discussion, 7:30pm, Next Door Club,
43 N Hotel Street; "Simple Courage"
statewide TV broadcast, 8pm, PBS
Hawaii. www.worldaidsdayhawaii.org.



2-22

Friday, December 2 through Thursday,
December 22

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9, 10, 11

December 9, 10 and 11

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Arts & Community Calendar

10, 11, 17, 18

December 10, 11, 17, 18

The Nutcracker

The Hawai'i Ballet Theatre presents the perennial Tchaikovsky favorite. December 10 & 17, 2 pm & 7 pm, December 11 & 18, 4pm. Email hbntnut@hawaii.rr.com for more information.

Tickets:

808.455.0385,
Directions: 455-0389. Leeward Community College Theatre.



18

Sunday, December 18, 7:30pm Dignity Honolulu Advent Liturgy and Christmas Potluck

Dignity Honolulu celebrates the holiday season with a communion service (4th Sunday of Advent).

Christmas potluck and grab bag gift exchange (up to \$15) follows in the parish hall. For info, 352.7558. St. Mark's Church, 539 Kapahulu Ave.

20

Tuesday, December 20, 6:30–9:30pm

Blazing Saddles' "Miss L. Toe" Party

Annual country/western Christmas bash. Food, fluid and fun. For info, blazingsaddlesHI.org or 941.4769.

Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse Ballroom, 2nd floor.



11

Sunday, December 11

LikeHike does Kuaokala

A fairly easy daylong hike on the ridge above Kaena Point and the leeward coast. Perhaps a swim afterward. Great views on this 6-mile trek with 800-foot elevation gain. Call hike leader Jim at 739.2326, or email panpac@lava.net.

14–18

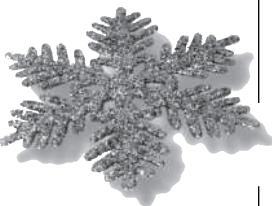
Wednesday, December 14 thru Sunday, December 18

Celebration of the Winter Solstice

The 2005

Winter Solstice Fire Tribe Gathering, a dark-to-dawn celebration that focuses on magical

fire circles. Fees are based on length of stay, accommodations and choice of meal plan and begin at \$50. Only participants know location. For more info, www.firetribehawaii.org. Late registration till December 9th.



26

Monday, December 26

LikeHike does Moku'auia (Goat Island)

Hike out during low tide is easy, but bring swimming and floating aids for trip back. All day trip and picnic on beautiful island beach. Call hike leader Lee, 621.1675 or email bikelegs@hi.net.

29

Thursday, December 29, 7:30pm

Beethoven's Ninth Symphony

The Honolulu Symphony Orchestra and Chorus present the annual performance of Beethoven's great choral symphony. Also music by Vaughn Williams and Handel. Tickets at the Blaisdell box office, the Honolulu Symphony Ticket Office, all Ticketmaster outlets and www.ticketmaster.com.

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Wednesday December 7, 11am to 9pm

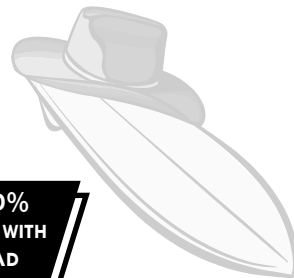
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Time with Thommie

By Thommie Drewan

On the final day of my sister Junior's visit, we all gathered together to go see the house that Jake had found for us. Over my ecologically sound objections, Jake had recently purchased an SUV, a huge boat of a car. After Jake, Bradley, Blaniard (with baby car seat and stroller), Junior and I had climbed aboard, and strapped in, I said, "Ahoy, Cap'n. We be ready to weigh anchor." He hates it when I do that.

"Do you wanna walk?" he asked, annoyed.

"No, Cap'n. I'd rather sail."

"Then stop it."

"Aye, aye, sir." I saluted, and quietly giggled when I heard him grumble as he started the engine and put the car in gear.

The drive to Hawaii Kai was quite pleasant and one I don't often make. I was particularly pleased that Junior was able to enjoy one of my favorite sights on the island: that point on the freeway by the university where Diamond Head can suddenly be seen in a totally unobstructed view. I heard her gasp as we drove up and around the giant curve.

"Stunning, no?" I said.

"Stunning, yes," she said.

Within moments we had turned, passed through a security gate and were driving up the hillside on a sharply curving street. When it seemed like we could climb no higher, Jake pulled up in front of a small house and stopped.

"Here we are," he announced.

I looked out at what seemed to be no more than a cottage with a garage—an attractive cottage, but a cottage all the same. "You've got to be kidding!" I said.

"Nope. This is it." He opened the door and stepped out. "Well, come on, you guys. Come take a look at our new home."

When we'd assembled on the sidewalk, a tall, good-looking man with a smile that was nearly too large for his face strolled up and hugged Jake.

"This is Analu, our realtor. He's the one who found this cozy little place for us," Jake said.

"Shall we?" Analu asked, and we all followed him through the door.

There was an initial gasp, and then silence as we looked at what we all now eagerly hoped would be our new house. The cottage, as it turned out, was merely the entrance foyer. The house itself was built down the mountainside and opened up in all directions.

We moved as a unit to stand at the railing that eventually became a banister for two large, sweeping, curved staircases that twisted, left side and right side, into the large living area below. Each set of stairs stopped for a moment at a landing on each side to allow entrance to a mezzanine that ran like a horseshoe around three sides of the room. A waterfall flowed down a two-story glass rain wall between the staircases, emptying into a koi pond in the living room.

A deck beyond held a curved swimming pool that was bordered on two sides with large pieces of lava. *Faux?* I

wondered. A large whirlpool tub sat to one side and up a handful of steps. The water area itself was protected by a fence that was too tall for Blaniard to climb, with vertical posts creating gaps that were too narrow for him to slip through. It's funny how you notice these little things once you become a dad.

Analu and Jake took us on a tour. The mezzanine level held the master suites—*three* of them—each large enough for an apartment's worth of furniture. And each with a stunning bathroom—complete with a 2-person whirlpool tub and large shower stall—and a walk-in closet as large as my bedroom back at the condo.

One suite was under the foyer and made up for its lack of windows with French doors across the front wall that opened on a panorama of Diamond Head and the Pacific as seen through and around the rain wall.

"Mine!" Bradley yelled as he ran into the room. Blaniard began to burble excitedly, echoing the excitement in daddy number one's voice. "This is so perfect. Look how much room there is."

We headed down one arm of the horseshoe and entered the next master suite. Like the one Bradley had already claimed, this one was huge. I walked onto the lanai and nearly swooned; the view was spectacular. Jake came and stood next to me.

"Pretty great, eh?" he said. I nodded. "By the way, did you just nearly swoon?"

"Leave me alone," I said, heading back inside.

"Do you need a fainting couch? A fan? Smelling salts?" He asked, following me.

"I'm warning you..." I said menacingly, or at least as menacingly as one can who has just nearly swooned and been caught at it.

Jake laughed loudly and left the room. "The other suite is the same as this one, only in reverse," he said to anyone listening. "Wait'll you see what's downstairs."

On the next—and main—level were two guest bedrooms, two moderately-sized full baths, a huge laundry room, an office/den and a pantry that was, again, as large as my current bedroom. To the side of the obscenely large living room was a raised dining area with a chandelier that could only have been picked out by a queen on really bad drugs.

"May I guess that a breeder decorated this place?" I asked.

My sister shot me a quick, evil look.

"Sorry, Junior," I said, "but, my god, *look* at that thing!"

"Well, at least now you'll be able to lose those extra pounds you're always whining about, Thommie," Jake said. "With *that* hanging over our heads at mealtime, who could possibly keep anything down."

"Point taken," Analu said, making a note on a small pad. "I'll make sure it's gone before we sign the final papers."

We went through a set of doors into a room that was an uninterrupted expanse of shiny stainless steel.

"My god, this looks like a restaurant kitchen," Junior

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in a November vote by an overwhelming majority of voters. The organization, which has a long history of opposing any rights for gays, had used the petition process to place a "people's veto" on the ballot after lawmakers passed anti-discrimination legislation earlier in the year.

The CCLM, which has successfully overturned similar laws twice in the prior ten years, was unable to convince voters this time around that gays were not deserving of such protections.

Maine is the last of the New England states to provide discrimination protections for its GLBT citizens.

DADT Under Attack

As the military's ban on gay, lesbian and bisexual personnel attracts more opponents, including the leaders of the nations that are our closest allies, one hundred members of Congress have signed on to support the Military Readiness Enhancement Act, a bill that will repeal the unpopular "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" military ban that was enacted under President Clinton.

With America's forces spread thinly around the world, legislators have begun to pay more attention to the startling statistics from the Pentagon that show that even as the military is complaining about the difficulty in attracting new recruits, it has discharged more than 10,000 gay servicemembers, including nearly 800 with skills that the Department of Defense considers "mission critical."

Studies suggest that lifting the ban could attract as many as 41,000 new recruits, while protecting the positions of the estimated 65,000 gay and lesbian Americans

currently serving.

A recent poll showed that 79% of Americans support allowing gays to serve openly in the military. The MRE Act is being sponsored by both Democrats and Republicans, including nine members of the House Armed Services Committee.

New MCC Leader Installed

The Reverend Nancy Wilson, a Florida minister, was installed as new Presiding Bishop of the Metropolitan Community Churches in a ceremony at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. As Moderator, she will head an organization that encompasses 45,000 members in nearly 300 congregations in 25 countries.

During her remarks, Wilson had planned to announce a new fellowship initiative titled "Focus on the Human Family." However, after lawyers for James Dobson's ultra-anti-gay group Focus on the Family threatened to sue MCC for violation of trademark, MCC officials agreed to change the name of the initiative to "Unfinished World; Unfinished Calling."

The use of the National Cathedral held particular symbolism for MCC members, since founder Rev Troy Perry was refused participation in a ceremony there 30 years ago.

Supreme Court Supports TG Officer

In a surprise announcement, the US Supreme Court refused to consider the appeal of a lower court's decision in a case that determined that Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act protects transgender

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Saturday, December 3, midnight

Freaks Go to Hollywood

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Sunday, December 4, 5pm

Rainbows for Angels!

Tony Ramos presents a fundraiser to help children with HIV/AIDS who are in need of that extra gift of love during the holidays. Doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm, show starts at 7pm. Tickets at Fusion: \$15 advance/ \$20 door. *Fusion Waikiki, 2260 Kuhio Ave, 2nd floor.*

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Thursday, December 8

RIOT

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Thursday, December 8, 4pm to 6pm

Networking and Pupu at Hula's

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Saturday, December 10

Runway presents Faux Fur Fashion: Shave the Animals

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Sunday, December 11, 12:30pm

Bear Sunday Catamaran Cruise

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Thursday, December 15

RIOT

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Friday, December 16, 10pm to midnight

Jager Night at In Between

Join the Jagerettes! Jager drink specials and free giveaways. *In Between, 2155 Lau'ula St, Waikiki.*

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Sunday, December 18, 5:30pm

The Paperdolls

Christmas Dinner Show

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Sunday, December 18, 11pm

Hot Spot with Aiko and The Taste of Honey

Hip Hop till you drop. 18 years and older, \$5 cover. *Fusion Waikiki, 2260 Kuhio Ave, 2nd floor.*

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Sunday, December 18

In Between

Employee Christmas Party

Bar closed from 4pm–6pm for Employee Christmas party. Re-opens to public at 6pm. *In Between, 2155 Lau'ula St, Waikiki.*

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Tuesday, December 20, 8pm

Angles' Staff Christmas Party

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Thursday, December 22

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Thursday, December 22

RIOT

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Friday, December 23

My Hawaiian Christmas 2005

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Saturday, December 24, 9pm to 12am

Hunky Santa

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Sunday, December 25, noon to 6pm

Christmas at Michelangelo

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Thursday, December 29

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Saturday, December 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Angles' iParty

Doors open at 8pm, tickets on sale December 16. See your bartender for more info. *Angles Waikiki, 2256 Kuhio Ave, 2nd floor.*

Fusion Waikiki presents: ANIME!

\$12 advance/ \$20 door. (No advance tickets will be sold after 12/30/05.) *Fusion Waikiki, 2260 Kuhio Ave, 2nd floor.*

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JANUARY

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Sunday, January 1, noon to 6pm

New Year's Day at Michelangelo

Free hot turkey sandwiches all day long. *Michelangelo, 438 Hobron Lane, Eaton Square, ground level, Waikiki.*

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Thursday, January 5

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Life's a bitch. And that's a good thing when it comes to the films of out writer/director Don Roos. His feature debut, 1998's *The Opposite of Sex*, was a viciously catty, irony-soaked look at dysfunctional relationships—and characters—of diverse sexualities. His newest film, *Happy Endings*, returns to that tartly funny, omnisexual terrain with several interwoven storylines and an assemblage of neurotic characters.

As a teen, Mamie (Lisa Kudrow) had sex with her stepbrother, Charley (Steve Coogan), got pregnant and secretly put the baby up for adoption. Years later, while working as an abortion counselor—a rather apathetic one at that—she's having an affair with a studly Mexican masseuse, Javier (Bobby Cannavale). Heading back to her car one day, she finds a note placed on her windshield. It's from an obnoxious aspiring filmmaker, Nicky (Jesse Bradford), who claims to know the whereabouts of Mamie's son. Deep down, Mamie wants to know, but the information doesn't come without a catch: in exchange for the skinny, Mamie has to let Nicky make a documentary about their reunion. Charley, now an openly gay restaurateur, and his boyfriend Gil (*Testosterone*'s David Sutcliffe), have another baby-related mystery to solve: did their lesbian best friends (Laura Dern & Sarah Clarke) secretly use Gil's sperm to conceive their lovable infant, Max? Charley is willing to go to some despicable lengths to find out. Meanwhile, a young couch-surfing singer, Jude (Maggie Gyllenhaal), takes up with a rich closeted teenager, Otis (Jason Ritter). After determining that the boy is indeed gay, she begins a

manipulative affair with his father (Tom Arnold). Otis is irked, to say the least, but distracted since he has the hots for his employer—Charley!

Roos got his start in Hollywood as a writer of *Single White Female* and *Boys on the Side*. He followed up his directorial debut, *The Opposite of Sex*, with the surprisingly mushy Ben Affleck/Gwyneth Paltrow romantic comedy, *Bounce*, and executive produced 2001's *All Over the Guy*, which was written by and starred Dan Bucatinsky, his life partner.

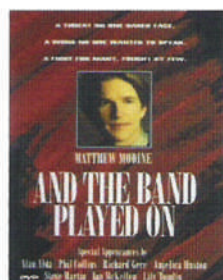
"Narrated" with onscreen titles that sometimes foretell the futures of these flawed, screwy characters, *Happy Endings* is a zingy and sometimes poignant ride from start to finish. The cast is uniformly excellent—Kudrow, Gyllenhaal, Coogan (a very famed comedic actor in the UK) and Arnold demonstrate great range and are likeable even when their characters evince little valor. In the excellent, informative and jovial commentary by Roos, Kudrow and cinematographer Clark Mathis, we learn much about what went into everything from location selection to technique to which actors were hired just hours before filming began.

The commentary makes up for the brief, superficial "Making of" menu option, while the deleted scenes section includes a sequence in which Otis finally makes a pass at Charley (who's smoking a sizable bong at the time). As a further nice touch, commentary can play over these deleted scenes, several outtakes and a handful of musical montages. *Happy Endings* should surely leave you smiling...happily.

—Lawrence Ferber



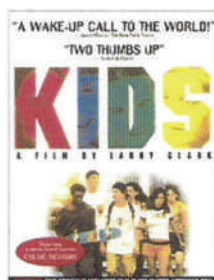
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Know Your HIV Status & Always Be Safe



And the Band Played On: (1993 Matthew Modine, Lily Tomlin, Alan Alda, Richard Gere, Steve Martin, Swoosie Kurtz) This star-studded story traces the history and hysteria surrounding the HIV/AIDS outbreak in the late 70's thru mid 80's. Quite successfully intimates the confusion, fear, ignorance, hate, greed and denial predicated and perpetuated by the times. Let 'em R.I.P. Ronnie!



Zero Patience: (1993 John Robinson, Normand Fataux) Decidedly dated by design, this is daring high-camp low-budget time-trippin' historical musical indy activism. With grand production values & wily wit, it weaves the web of a yarn about "Patient Zero", the fabled French-Canadian flight attendant believed to have spread HIV throughout North America.



Kids: (1995 Leo Fitzpatrick, Chloe Sevigny, Justin Pierce) This atypical twink tale takes an unbridled view below the age of consent; and then without parental guidance shows us these chill'uns be hidin' some well-known facts we refuse to face. The coup de grace is how our hero -full of sperm and hate- germinates the girls he deflowers, planting his powerfully sickening seeds in their untolled soil.



It's My Party: (1996 Eric Roberts, Gregory Harrison, Margaret Cho, Marlee Matlin, Bronson Pinchot, George Segal, Olivia Newton-John, Lee Grant) Sick of being sick, Nick decides to throw a going away party for himself, and his friends can cry if they want to. But is he really seeking death with dignity, or is he just being indignant? (Plus ain't it weird to see Pinchot & Cho playing normal folk?)

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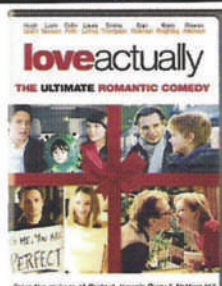
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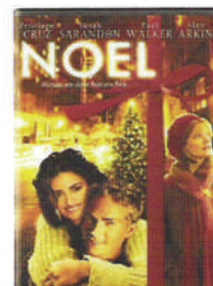
Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town: (1970, Fred Astaire, Mickey Rooney) From what I remember: the true story of Kris Kringle's ascent from orphaned child to hero of all children. Not as fluid as Tim Burton's modern marvels, this stop-motion classic features other primitive methods of animation, wherein lies much of its charm. Reminds me what a geeky gay geezer I am when I'm impressed then soon embarrassed by the stars whose names & voices I recognize.



Love Actually: (2003 Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson, Liam Neeson, Colin Firth, Keira Knightley, Laura Linney, Alan Rickman) Heart-warming and heartwrecking at the same time, this English romantic comedy catches some disparate (some disparate) characters being naughty and nice. Everyone from the politician to the porn star stand-ins, even the Little Drummer Boy, lives through life with love and loss. (Kelly Clarkson & Sugababes rock it too!)



Eight Crazy Nights: (2002 Adam Sandler, Kevin Nealon, Jon Lovitz, James Barbour, Rob Schneider, Jack Titone) Potty-mouthed and politically incorrect, this plays like a painfully prolonged one of Sandler's self-indulgent SNL skits. But the juxtaposition of juvenile jokes and Jews on Jesus' birthday is, by the way, Hollywood's first foray into Hanukah cinema I've seen in my lifetime. Groundbreaking in that nails scraping a chalkboard kinda way.



Noel: (2004 Penelope Cruz, Susan Sarandon, Paul Walker, Robin Williams, Alan Arkin, [dir] Chaz Palminteri, Marcus Thomas, Chantal S. Lonegran, Kim Bubbs, David Julian Hirsh) Just what I asked for: A refreshingly tense and downbeat humorously hopeful tragedy. YAY! Strangers meet up one coo-coo Christmas Eve. They all believe they know what they want, until they get something else. Happy ending is: They can't take nuthin' back!

December 25 is Christmas Day
Love Yourself & Those Who Love You

Food

TAPA'S: Changing for the Better

It still says Tryst on the big sign outside, but changes are under way at John Ing's Seaside Avenue restaurant, just around the corner from Angles. First is the clever new name: Tapa's. The boyfriend and I like nothing better than a pun, so we enjoyed discovering on our recent visit that Tapa's is not a spelling error (we are also charter members of the Spelling Police, menu division) but a double-edged allusion to Spanish appetizers (*tapas*) and the classic Hawaiian cloth (*tapa*) made from the *wauke* tree. And sure enough dining room tabl and walls are decorated with red *tapa* cloths, which relieve the somewhat austere look characteristic of the old Tryst.

And the appetizers? Goc enough to make any Spaniard as... seconds. The boyfriend and I started with the Adobo Pork Quesadilla appetizer (\$8) and the Island Coconut Prawns (\$10). Both were very satisfying, in taste as well as in size (no skimpy pupu here). The *pico de gallo* drizzle and the pineapple salsa garnish gave the quesadilla (Spanish pork, cheese, red peppers and onions) a pleasant tang to balance the inevitable blandness of the flour tortilla, and the pineapple sweet chili sauce added just the right flavor to the impressively large coconut-breaded prawns. Other appealing items on the appetizer menu, both familiar and new, include the Chicken Wingzings (\$7), Chipotle Barbecue Chicken Katsu (\$7), the Phyllo Wrapped Brie (\$9), the Center Cut Sirloin Steak Ceviche (\$10) and the excellent Crab Cakes (\$10). All in all there are twelve appetizers on the menu, and you can easily make like a Barcelonan or a Madrilenio

and eat your way through the *tapas* menu without ever coming within arm's length of a dinner plate.

The boyfriend and I, however, had work to do, so we moved along to the Salads, where we thoroughly enjoyed the Walnut, Pear and Gorgonzola Salad (\$9), though the bf confided that he would have liked a little more gorgonzola. Both the Walnut, Pear & Gorgonzola Salad and the Caesar Salad (\$9) can be augmented with grilled chicken breast (\$5) or black tiger prawns (\$6) to make a full meal, pre-holiday salads being one way of justifying helpings of the tier fare of later æmber.

For his entrée the boyfriend chose the Seafood Newburg (\$24) and I chose the Roasted Pork Tenderloin (\$24). Both mains had their virtues, the

chump and scallops in the Newburg and the pork tenderloin being especially tasty. But the compositions of the whole seemed unbalanced. The mashed potatoes and the ratatouille accompanying the tenderloin were unimpressive and the broth for the seafood was somewhat thin. I'd call these pricey works-in-progress. But there was nothing unfinished or tentative about the dessert we shared: deep-fried Apple Chimichanga served with vanilla ice cream. Sure, it was probably bad for us, but we loved every bite. There's a lot of be said for shared guilt.

If you're on a budget, or don't want a multi-course meal, you can always create your own burger or chicken sandwich for only \$9. And then there are the *tapa*-tizers, which paired with a nice merlot or chardonnay from the extensive by the glass wine list make a wonderful detour from the Waikiki bustle just outside the door. Give it a try.





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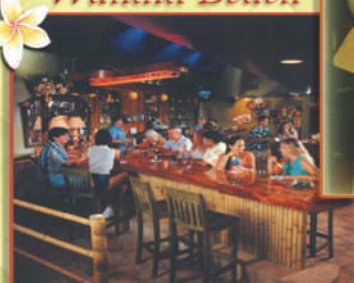


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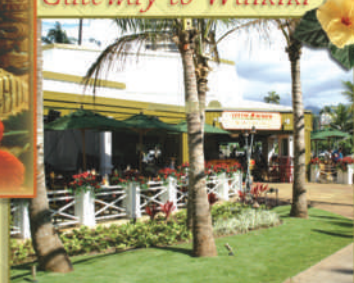
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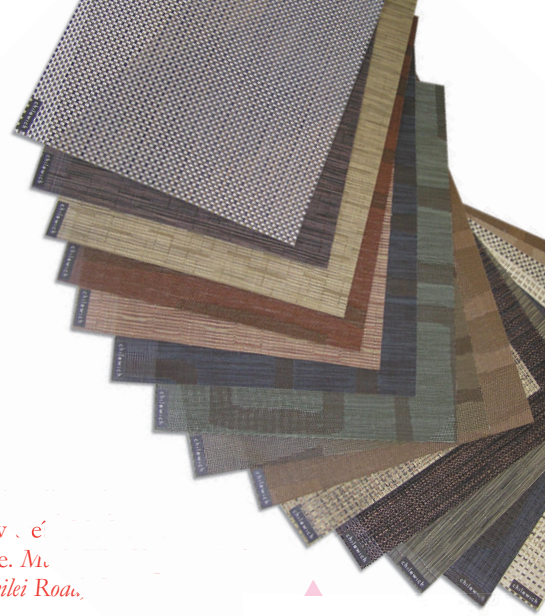
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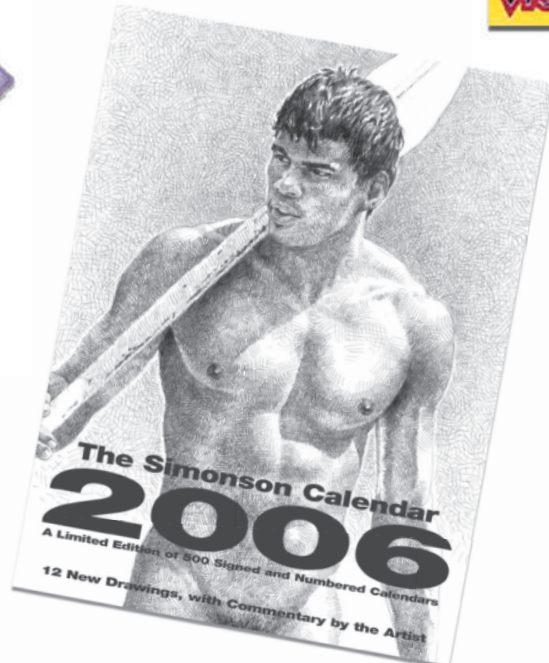
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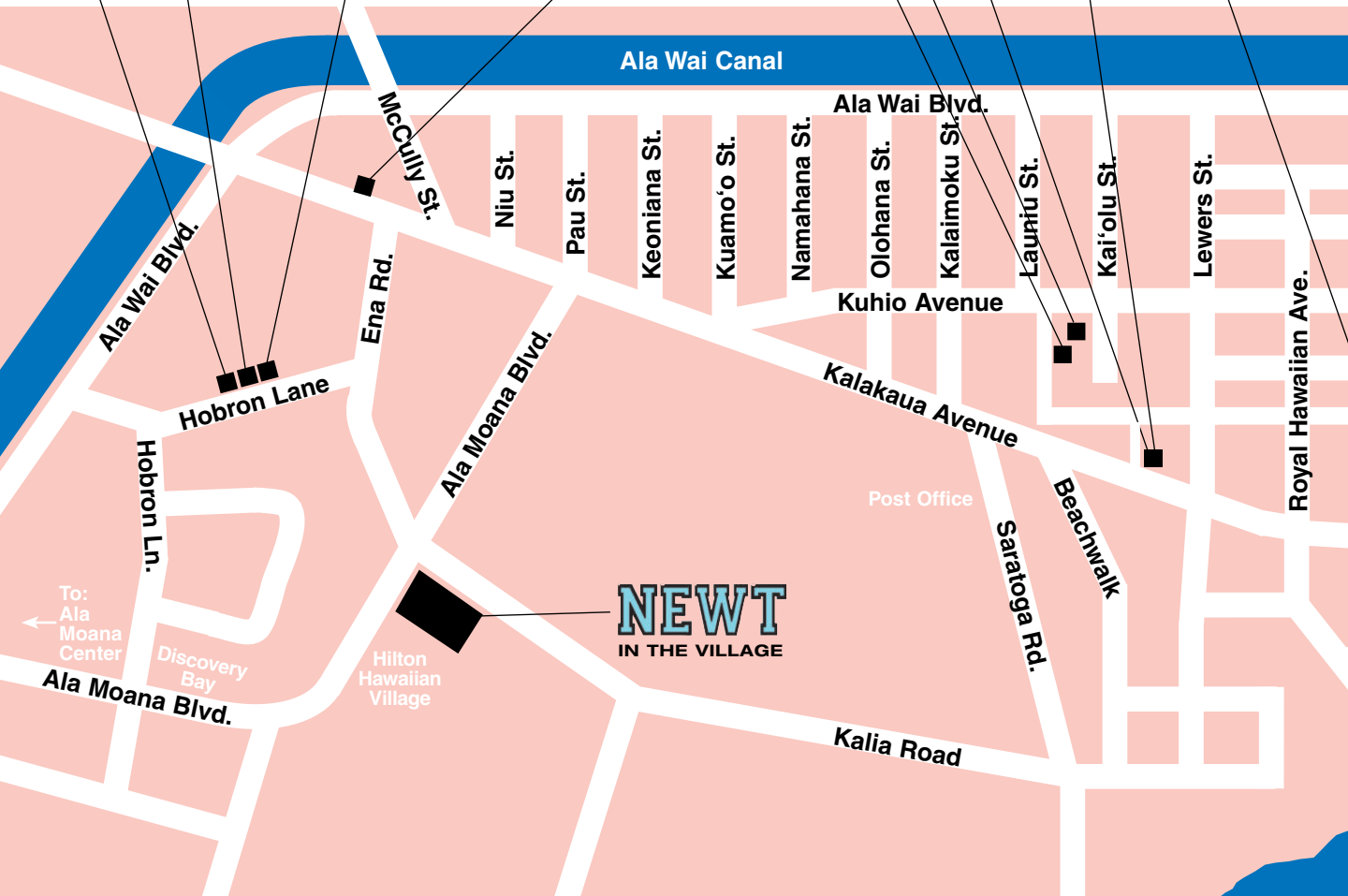
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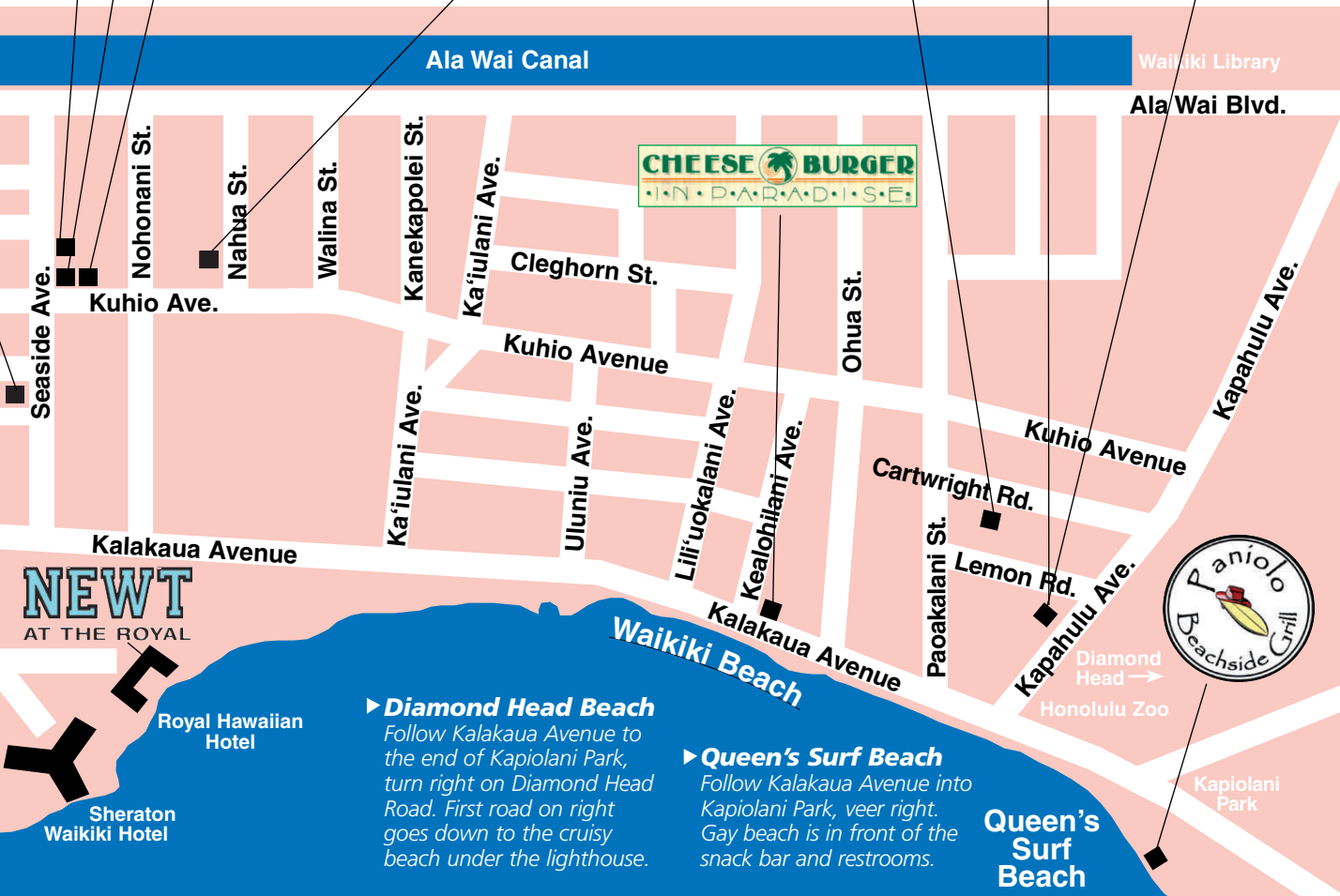
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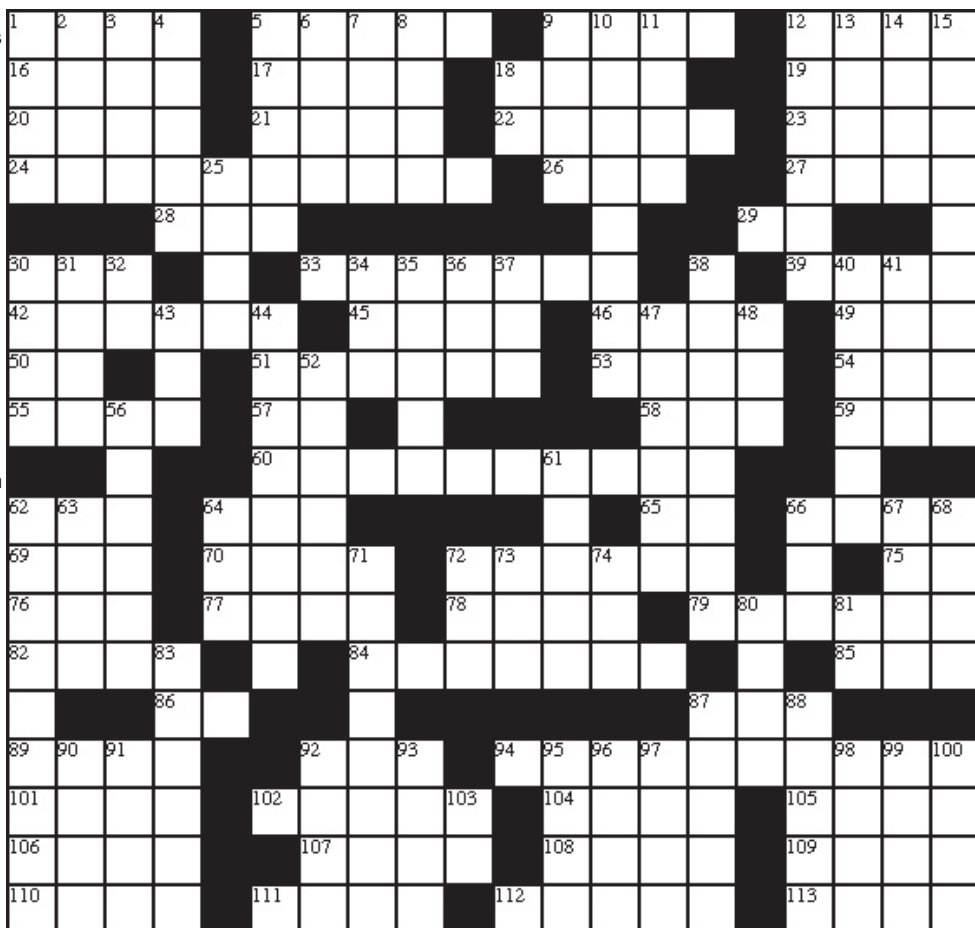
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employees from workplace discrimination.

The decision by the Justices leaves in place a ruling in favor of transgender officer Philecia Barnes of the Cincinnati police force that was issued by the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. The Court's decision was in line with a 1989 Supreme Court ruling that said that it is sex discrimination under the Title to punish an employee for failing to match gender stereotypes.

PlanetOut Becomes Huge

PlanetOut, Inc., the parent of popular Internet site gay.com, has purchased LPI Media, the publisher of Advocate and Out magazines, making it the world's largest GLBT media company. LPI Media also publishes HIVPlus and OutTraveler,

and owns and operates Advocate.com, Out.com and several other gay-related e-commerce sites.

The deal, valued at approximately \$31 million also gives PlanetOut control of Alyson Publications, the book publishing arm of LPI.

According to Lowell Selvin, CEO of PlanetOut, this enterprise will show "that gay and lesbian media companies can grow to be 20-, 30-, 60-million-dollar companies serving millions."

O'Reilly Invites Terrorists to Bomb SF

Angry because San Francisco voters backed a resolution that discourages allowing military recruiters on public high school and college campuses, Bill O'Reilly, a Fox News commentator, has suggested on one of his shows that al-Qaida should come to San Francisco and "blow

up Coit Tower." He also called on President Bush to withdraw all military protection for the city.

City Supervisors were quick to point out that Coit Tower is a monument to San Francisco's firefighters who, among other things, worked so hard at putting out the fires during the great Frisco quake.

Addressing San Franciscans, O'Reilly said, "If al-Qaida comes in here and blows you up, we're not going to do anything about it. We're going to say, look, every other place in America is off limits to you, except San Francisco."

Alaska Court Grants Rights

In Alaska, one of the first states to pass a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, the state Supreme Court has ruled that it is unconstitutional to deny benefits to the same-sex partners of

public employees. In its ruling, the Court said that barring benefits is a violation of the Alaska Constitution's equal protection clause.

Republican Governor Frank Murkowski announced that he was "outraged" by the ruling and ordered the attorney general to figure out the best way to overturn it.

In the decision that was overruled, the Superior Court reasoned that unmarried gay couples were on a par with unmarried heterosexual couples, who are denied the benefits. The Supreme Court threw out that comparison, pointing out that while opposite-sex couples can choose to be married or not, same-sex couples have no such choice.

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Oklahoma has filed suit against Disney, ABC and the producers of the TV show "Wife Swap" claiming producers "misled" him when the wife they swapped for his own wife turned out to be a gay man. He further claims that when he complained, producers threatened to refuse to return his wife to him.

Bedford says in his suit that he became so emotionally distraught that he suffered "physical and mental illness," particularly after his gay "wife" showed up at his home Bible study with a gay coalition.

Producers have not said when they plan to air the episode.

Britain Targets Phobes

The British Football Association has announced a clampdown on football fans that

yell anti-gay epithets at players, referees and other supporters. Those who engage in displays of homophobia will be identified and prosecuted, according to FA authorities. This move follows an earlier successful drive against racism in the game.

Footballers regularly have to put up with fans who call them 'poofs' or 'queers' when they make a mistake or go down with an injury. Referees and opposing fans receive the same abuse. According to the Football Association's Ethics and Sports Equity Manager, this behavior is "offensive and runs totally counter to...the game's family image."

The FA has expanded the role of its freephone hotline that is currently used for reporting racist incidents to include the reporting of homophobic incidents as well.

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Russians Cancel Gay Singer's Concert

City officials in Tyumen, in Siberia, have banned a concert by the popular openly gay singer, dancer and actor Boris Moiseev following a complaint from an ultra conservative group called In Defense of Russian Orthodox Morals.

In their complaint, the group called Moiseev, who has a wide following among both gays and straights, a "freak" and claimed that his performance would have a "damaging influence on youth."

Other conservative groups are attempting similar campaigns in other cities where Moiseev is scheduled to appear.

Polish Riot Police Stop March

GLBT activists attempting to hold a pride parade in the Polish city of

Poznan were greeted by heavily armed riot police as they reached the end of their march in late November. More than 65 gays and lesbians were arrested for refusing to disband. The parade had been outlawed by the city administrator who said that the march would be "a serious danger to social order and property."

Marchers who attempted to leave the area found themselves hemmed in by a cordon of police ahead and behind and members of an ultra-right youth group on either side that were hurling anti-gay epithets and insults at the marchers and threatening any marchers who came near them.

Poland has been under a warning from the EU over its treatment of gays and gay rights since the proudly homophobic mayor of Warsaw, Lech Kaczynski, was elected president of that country.▼

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THURSDAYS

9:00pm
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7:00pm
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said. "Do any of you know how to operate any of this stuff?"

"I know how to work a refrigerator," I said, "if someone can tell me which of these things is the refrigerator."

"Maybe it's time we all learned to cook," Bradley said.

"Or," Jake said, "we could just hire someone who already knows how and never have to set foot in this scary place again."

Junior stared at us, mouth agape. "Don't tell me—three gay men, and none of you can cook?"

"What can I say?" I replied. "We're battling the stereotypes. We can't dance, either."

"But Jake," Analu said, "the other night—"

"Okay," Jake said suddenly, and a bit too loudly, "I think it's time we looked at the *pièce de résistance*: The Backyard."

We walked out along the pool deck and rounded the end of the house. There, surrounded by a redwood privacy fence, was an impeccably manicured grass lawn. It wasn't huge, but it was plenty large enough for Blaniard to run around in—when he's big enough to run around, that is.

"There's an area like this on the other side, but it's a garden," Analu said.

"I can't believe this place is real. It's like a movie set of a house that couldn't possibly exist," Bradley said.

"Then you think I did good?" Jake asked.

"You did *great*!" I said, and Bradley and I walked over and gave him a big hug.

"Then I've got good news for you all," Analu said. "The sellers were delighted with your offer. There are a few things that need to be done—title search, transfer of the deed, other silly paperwork..."

"Removal of a butt-ugly chandelier..." I said.

"...removal of an ugly—"

"...butt-ugly..."

"...removal of a *butt*-ugly chandelier—but all that should only take a week or so. Because this is a cash sale, we can set the closing for whenever you want after that."

Jake smiled. "Well, then, Analu my man, you get started on all that and I'll call you in a day or two about our schedule." He turned to us. "Well, boys, I guess we got us a new home."

I'm embarrassed to admit that I began to cry. Luckily, neither Jake nor Bradley noticed, being unable to focus through their own tears.

I turned to look up at the house that would soon be ours. I suddenly noticed a door that opened onto the yard, with a curtained window next to it. "What's in there?" I asked.

"Oh, that's our tenant," Jake said. "Remember the Coast Guard guy I mentioned? He lives there in exchange for doing the yard and pool work and helping around the house."

As if on cue, the door opened and out stepped one of the sexiest young men I'd ever seen. He saw us, stopped and smiled.

"Criminy," said Bradley.

"Damn," said Junior.

"Blb grff lum," said Blaniard.

I leaned down and ruffled his hair. "Kid, I couldn't'a said it better."

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I have met a guy who seems very nice, but when we exchanged pictures I sent him a friend's picture instead of one of me. He now seems attracted to this friend, and I really want to tell him, but am afraid. We have talked on-line now and over the phone and I think that because of my age (52) he might be upset. We get along fine and I would enjoy to meet him, but will be shocked if he turns away from me because of this matter. I care for him and would like to get to know him closer.

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive," as Shakespeare wrote.

When I was just a gayling my father took me to see my first Broadway musical, *The Most Happy Fella*. It was the story of an older man, Tony, who owned a vineyard and who fell in love with a waitress that had waited on him once on a trip. They began to correspond; even though all she knew of him was that he had left a lovely gift as a tip along with his address. When she finally asked for a photo, he sent a picture of his handsome foreman Joe instead of a shot of himself. She fell in love with both the man in the letters (which Joe had helped write) and the one in the picture. Following a great deal of non-humorous confusion and anger, she finally ended up with Tony. But it took a great emotional, and in Tony's case physical, suffering to reach that point.

Even at 9, I knew there was something wrong with sending someone else's picture to a secret love when you hoped to eventually meet that person. In the musical, the hero was goaded into it by his shrewish sister who reminded him on a steady basis that he was old and unattractive.

What I don't understand is why you would do such a thing? Surely you realized that this day would come. (I also suspect that you know what you must do and that this letter is merely perfunctory.) You must tell this guy the truth.

And you must do it *before* you meet him.

Although you lied to him—yes, sending someone else's pic as your own counts as a lie—you're probably not really that bad a guy. I'd hate to see you suffer the personal horror of having him reject you to your face were you to show up without his knowing in advance of your subterfuge. And I'd also hate to see him suffer the embarrassment of having to reject someone he's come to like. (While being rejected is not fun, having to reject someone is no great shakes either.)

I suggest that you explain what you've done in a carefully crafted, but direct, letter; this will give you the chance to make sure you've said all that you need to say in the way it needs to be said before sending it off to him. Tell him your true age and include a real picture of yourself. Tell him how much you've enjoyed getting to know him. Then apologize sincerely for having sent the misleading picture. Tell him that you hope he'll be able to look past your moment of weakness, but that you'll understand if he is unable or unwilling to do so.

If he chooses to meet you in spite of the picture thing, count your blessings and move forward with the friendship, grateful that he has such a generous soul. If, however, he decides that he is disinterested in pursuing this friendship any further, accept his decision. Do not try to change his mind. Forget him and move on, promising even as you do so that you will never do something that stupid again.

I am in the Army and I'm gay. Last year a lesbian who's also in the Army and I got married so we could get the great benefits the service gives to married people, especially

the housing allowance. We figured it would also kill any rumors that might be going around about us. Since I plan to make this my career and she doesn't, she agreed to divorce me when her term is up.

Now out of the blue she has told me she wants to have a baby with me and she wants us to stay together so we can both raise it. That is far more than I bargained for when I got into this. I told her I wouldn't do it and she said that if I didn't she would tell our superiors about our fake marriage and about being gay. Her term is just about up, so she won't lose much if she's kicked out. But I'll also be kicked out and my career will be over. Worse, this would out me to my parents who are severe red staters. I'm going crazy and I don't know what to do. I don't know that you can help me at all, but I had to try.

"Oh, what a tangled web..." ah, but you probably already know that. Still, I wonder: WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU TWO THINKING??? Or were you thinking at all?

The first thing you need to do—and I mean now!—is get yourself an attorney and tell him all about this. Quite frankly, I think that getting kicked out of the service and outed to your parents is the least of your concerns. I showed your letter to a Navy lawyer friend of mine (without your name; don't worry) and he says that if your "wife" carries through on her threats, it's highly likely that you'll both be charged with much more than being gay; he says you can count on at least a charge of defrauding the government, among other possible bad things.

After you've spoken with your lawyer, you need to tell your wife everything you find out. She'll probably be less eager to carry through on her threat if she realizes that not only will she not get a kid out of it, but that she'll also likely spend several of her best years in Leavenworth.

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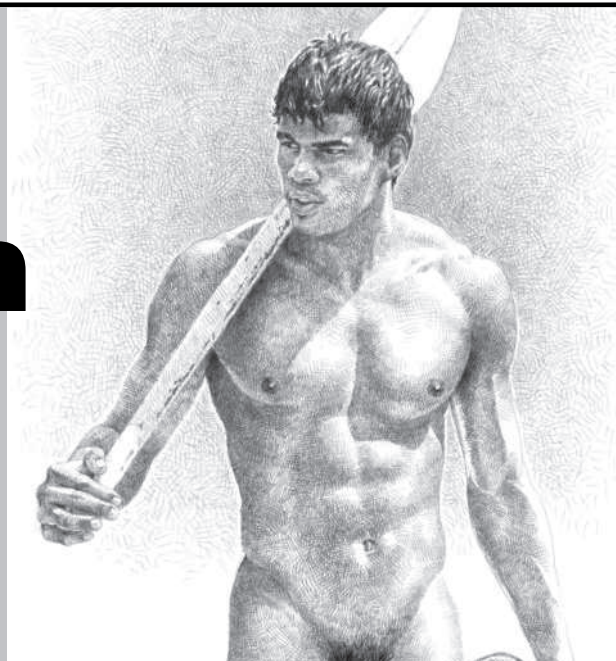
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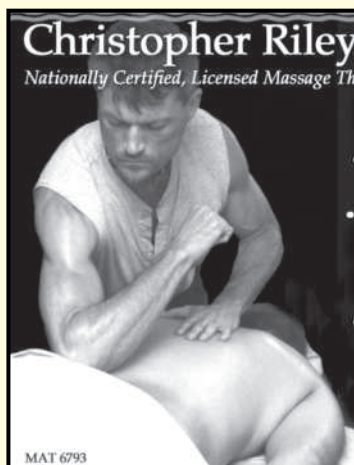
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Men in Movies: Episode 269

Over the final notes of the opening theme, the announcer says, "And now, guys, it's time to welcome the two mavens of Men in Movies, Harry and Dick." The camera zooms in on the set, only to find two empty stools. "Okay," the director yells, "where are those two nelly queens?"

There is a general hubbub in the background until a lone voice speaks up. "They went to a book signing in Newark two days ago for their new book *Men, Men and More Men* and we haven't seen them since."

"Newark, you say? Hmmm! I guess we'll never see those two again," the director says. "Well, somebody's going to have to do this show until we can find replacements." There is a pause while he looks around the studio. "You there in the corner. Gofer boy. Have you seen today's flicks?"

"Um, yeah," a small voice pipes up. "A bunch of us watched them last night."

"Okay, then. You're our critic *du jour*. What's your name?"

"Willie Wanka." Laughter erupts in the studio.

"You've got to be kidding."

"Nope," he says. "My father was too funny for words."

"Okay, then, Willie. Get on stage."

The announcer tries again. "And now, guys, it's time to welcome our *new* maven of Men in Movies, Willie Wanka." He dissolves into wild, girlish giggles as the camera zooms in on a surprisingly handsome young man in a sexy tank top and jeans.

"Um, hi, guys, I guess. I'm, um, Willie. And I have to tell you about these two new movies. The first movie is, um, *Set in Stone* from the hefty director in a dress, Chi Chi LaRue. I guess that Chi Chi must've needed a vacation, because *Set in Stone* was filmed on location in Mallorca."

Willie picks up the DVD case and holds it up to the camera. "Look at this. Right on the outside it says: 'Newcomer of the Year Eddie Stone in a scorching Spanish invasion.' But what's the point? That's what I want to know. There is no location footage of Mallorca—though let's face it, I was watching it for the Spanish *invasion* anyway. I guess that even though some porn *does* offer stunning locations, such as *Drenched*, filmed on the beautiful Puna Coast of the Big Island, or *Island Guardian* filmed on Kaua'i, in the long run it's not all that necessary."

"Anyway, while you won't see any Mallorca landmarks in *Stone*, what you *will* see is some signature Chi Chi directorial touches, such as a row of gorgeous men, perched on a wall like a row of dominoes as they wait to receive Eddie's attention one by one. This has become a regular technique of Chi Chi's and one that is visually stunning for at least ten seconds. We've also see it in the work of Kristen Bjorn, who pioneered the choreographing of beautiful bodies into sculptural landscapes—though he copied the technique from Busby Berkeley musicals. Note to Chi Chi: 'It doesn't work when you do it and I want you to stop.'

"However, her *true* auteur flourishes can be seen in shots of oiled muscled manflesh starkly, silhouetted against an electric blue sky. But here again she's copying—or to be more charitable, *quoting*—the muscle photos of legendary photographer Jim French, who made the Colt man a male icon. And speaking of icons, you should watch *Stone* for the monumental Rafael Carreras, if for no other reason. I'm telling you, speak reverently when you say



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"Beautifully shot, and featuring nine dark, handsome, hung 'Spaniards,' in addition to Rascal lives Eddie Stone, Jan Fischer and Tommy Stone makes our second film, *Cruisin' Prague 2: Sauna Boys*, pale in comparison. The Czechs are paler, although one does have a fake tan, and not nearly as buff. Yet, while Stone has two long scenes, *Prague 2* has four scenes and eight models. And *Prague 2* isn't helped, or hindered, by any location footage either."

"I give both of these movies two, um, 'Willies' out of four. So I guess that's bye-bye for now. See you next time." He smiles winningly into the camera as he waits for the music to start.

"Wow! That was *great*, kid!" the director blurts. "How the hell do you know so much about this stuff?"

"Oh, I have a Masters from Berkeley in Adult Cinema with a specialty in Man-on-Man Action. And I'm working on my doctoral dissertation." More silence. "Um, you do realize I'm still on the air," he says hesitantly.

The music quickly starts and the credits begin to roll as we watch the crew mob Willie, offering congratulations and, in a couple of instances, patting his nipples.

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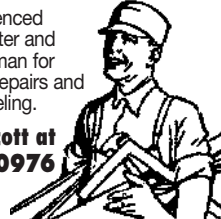
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Capricorn

December 21 – January 19

Be on the lookout for December's small, cold, full moon on the 15th, Capricorn. If you see a silver hue to the moon, take it as a sign that your intuition is clear. Visualize this moon in your mind's eye any time you want to call up its special illuminating power. December's moon sheds light on those dark parts of your life you've never been willing to explore before.

Aquarius

January 20 – February 18

Travel arrangements are modified, but the changes are suitable to you. Eclipses have been thought to be either ominous or fortuitous, but the next one will be both to you, with bad and good news converging. Get into your body and achieve results...slowly. A visitor will take you away and offer a perspective on an area of shared experience. Red tape is unavoidable, Aquarius.

Pisces

February 19 – March 20

In 1988, Fortune magazine predicted that pocket computers, e-books, flat-screen TVs and picture phones would be part of our every day world by 2000. Indications of these new realities were present, but someone had to lay out a specific vision for how the future would look. Listen for someone to detail how he or she sees your life will look in a few short years. Play first, work later. You'll really be more productive that way.

Aries

March 21 – April 19

Frustrations will pop up with work, but you won't be able to deny you're having fun, Aries. Your desires are always just out of reach. Don't let anyone's negativity dampen your aspirations. A headache or physical ailment has you saying enough is enough. Anger is beneficial if it calls up power you need to overcome a challenge. New clothing not only helps you look good but also aids in taking advantage of an exciting prospect.

Taurus

April 20 – May 20

Additional costs you hadn't considered eat away at profits. Still, it's a banner month. Transitions are easier if you're gentle on yourself. Business dealings happen swiftly. This month is pivotal for key decisions as you climb the corporate ladder or rise in whatever you do. Even if you're not flying, your head is in the clouds. Let a celebration include a spa treatment or facial.

Gemini

May 21 – June 20

Think through plans before executing them, or run them by a trusted friend. You've had a lot of ideas lately, few of which have made it to reality. They weren't meant to be, that's all. Organization means everything when executing upcoming plans. Forgive and forget past friction with family or a friend. An opportunity to separate from a job or relationship could be welcome.

Cancer

June 21 – July 21

Try not complaining, Cancer; it's really hard! Nightmares serve to release pent up energy or anxiety. When will that opportunity come that you've been waiting for? You're beyond patience. Though a system isn't working, it must be followed. Though you always see a better way when it comes to other people's methods, it's not so easy with your own. Savings or property will be divided. A penalty gets reviewed or changed.

Leo

July 22 – August 22

A client recently came to me, spooked by a spirit presence she felt in the night. "What does it want?" she asked fearfully. This kind of encounter can simply serve to reveal our fears or indicate that we need to tend to our spirit. If a benevolent spirit guide had a helpful piece of wisdom or a fabulous opportunity to relay to you, would your doubts and fears get in the way? Play in the open or break a rule, Leo.

Virgo

August 23 – September 22

You would only rate the results of your best efforts as "satisfactory." Let imperfection be acceptable and give yourself an "A+" once in a while, just to keep motivated. A new, fresh tack must be taken to get yourself where you want to be. The problem is, you already tried a "new, fresh tack." What can you do but keep trying? Distance yourself from people who dampen your passion. A charm or talisman works startlingly well.

Libra

September 23 – October 22

Though he can try your patience, you can live with the particular idiosyncrasies of your partner. As long as he has his world, you can have yours. You need to come and go as you please. Why let a crisis call you to action? Fix something before it breaks. You're on the case, Libra! Your father, even if he isn't an active player in your life, sends you a blessing or influences an outcome.

Scorpio

October 23 – November 21

If these were ancient times and you were in Rome, you would not be looking forward to celebrating Christmas this month. You'd be eagerly awaiting Saturnalia, an orgiastic festival held in honor of Saturn. A not so vague feeling of a more decadent past life will overcome you, Scorpio. Do try to be good. Repair a physical wound or piece of jewelry. You'll keep your sweet tooth in check.

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